110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3188

To eliminate the separate work participation rate requirements for 2-parent families under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2007

Mr. WELLER of Illinois (for himself, Mr. HERGER, and Mr. CAMP of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4   This Act may be cited as the "TANF Marriage Pen-

5 alty Elimination Act".

SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF SEPARATE PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2-PARENT FAMILIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 407 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607) is amended—

    (1) in subsection (a)—

        (A) by striking all through "A State" and inserting the following:

"(a) PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIREMENTS.—A State"; and

        (B) by striking paragraph (2);

    (2) in subsection (b)—

        (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking "(a)(1)" and inserting "(a)";

        (B) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraphs (3) through (5) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively;

        (C) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by striking "paragraphs (1)(B) and (2)(B)" and inserting "paragraph (1)(B)"; and

        (D) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by striking "rates" and inserting "rate"; and

    (3) in subsection (c)—

        (A) in paragraph (1)—

            (i) by striking all through "For purposes of subsection (b)(1)(B)(i)" and inserting the following:

1 ''(1) GENERAL RULES.—For purposes of sub-

2 section (b)(1)(B)(i)''; and

3 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B); and

4 (B) in paragraph (2)(D)—

5 (i) by striking ''paragraphs (1)(B)(i)

6 and (2)(B) of subsection (b)'' and insert-

7 ing ''subsection (b)(1)(B)(i)''; and

8 (ii) by striking ''in all families and in

9 2-parent families, respectively,''.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The paragraph

11 heading for section 409(a)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C.

12 609(a)(3)) is amended by striking ''RATES'' and inserting

13 ''RATE''.

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

15 The amendments made by this Act shall be applied

16 and administered as if the amendments had taken effect

17 on October 1, 2006.

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